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* PSYCHIC ATTACK TELEGRAM*

TELEGRAM RECEIVED MAY 25: "Leo you subj of occ attack by H, S, B, the A's, and groups got word is extra soon. Suggest protection now emphatic. S. writes under names of P.H., E. F. etc etc. SSS." I omitted names in above. Unsigned telegrams are SUSPECT. Western Union in Long Beach checked out name / address of sender. No such person listed in phone book. So...I sent this "S. S." a letter. If it comes back then obviously a phony (possible to have UNLISTED number but no such thing as an UNLISTED address!). I don't doubt for a minute that those named are capable of such an attack. I only hope that it's TRUE. I'd like nothing better than to see them eliminate themselves by its boomerang! However, until sender is checked out (anyone who pays cash can send telegram giving phony name and address) I don't intend to do their dirty work for them. Facts in telegram checked out since I already had the information cited via WICA agents out that way. Name itself unknown to me. Motive of sender could be to "kill many snakes with one stone." Also hoping that I would publish the telegram intact in WICA. Description of telegram sender being compiled by Western Union, Long Beach, Calif. (origin of telegram), After I receive will compare with those I have on hand. Our own Sgt. X keeping close watch on another Sgt. to see if he left his home or air force base on May 25. Quite possible sender has grudge against everybody and hoped to use me to fulfill it, counting on me to publish the telegram AS IS in WICA (which I wouldn't hesitate to do but I want to know identity and motive of sender first.) Also sender can't know me very well (if at all) since he admonishes "Protection now Emphatic." I'm always protected! Here too the "power of suggestion" is being used, workable on those who are unsure of themselves, "nouveau witches," week-end witches and Picnic-pagans (the use of the lower case for "witch" and "pagan" here is deliberate...they're too unworthy of Capitalization!!!) Isn't the Craft fun? Too bad that most of them are such rank amateurs and comic book Dick Tracys: And as to "power" most of them couldn't blow a feather off the top of the Empire State Building with a 100 mile an hour gale of wind behind it!!! Goddess help them though when they're hit by the Sicilian Cyclone. As usual most people curse themselves and I'm afraid that future issues of WICA will be reporting more "witch" accidents. AS to the many questions of whether I have personally put a curse on all of them the answer is "YES, I HAVE" but I repeat again what I've said before, the substance of my curse is "I WISH ALL OF THEM ON THEMSELVES!" Why is this so hard to understand? And really what could be worse? There's nothing negative I could wish on them that they won't bring about by simply being THEM!

THE MYSTIC MANDRAKE: By C. J. S. Thompson, 253 pgs. Traces history of this unusual plant in Britain, Egypt, Assyria, Persia, China, the Hebrews in the Bible, its use in magic, beliefs, sexual rites, etc. Was once believed that the semen of a hanged man spilled on the ground created the MANDRAKE and WOMANDRAKE, that is was half-human. Fascinating, easy to read, many anecdotes, illustrations. From WICA only \$5.21 per copy.

WHAT WITCHES DO, Stewart Farrar, Coward, McCann & Geoghegan N.Y. '71. Author initiated Alexandrian witch in Alex & Maxine= Sanders coven, England. 8 pgs. of photos. The book deals mainly with Alexandrians, author's research not limited to them. Chapters on: Witch Beliefs... Training, Roots, Covens, Healing, Magic, Tarot, Elements, Clairvoyance, Astral Projection, Seasonal Festivals, Great Rite etc. Glossary of Terms, Bibliography, & Index. A good reporting job. Available from WICA at \$6.16 per copy

CRAFTINGS: July '72 COSMOPOLITAN has basically sound art. on "BE A WITCH." Buckland, Pagan Way, & I'm mentioned briefly... June 19 TIME MAGAZINE has Satanic cover & art. but still tends to lump witches & Satanists in same "bag".... August '72 FATE has my letter "Balancing The Ledger" starts bottom pg. 141, Took them to task for publishing 3 anti-Craft letters & only one Pro in Mar. '72 issue.... Sent some last-minute prophecies to RAND STEIGER'S PREDICTIONS 1973 . Under pressure so Goddess only knows how many will be right. One has happened already: George McGovern the Democratic Presidential Nominee... THE OCCULT COMMENTARY, Bob Parker, Pub. is \$6 for 6 issues from 240 Main St; Danbury, Conn. 06810. THE OCCULT TRADE JOURNAL, same address, No. #4 has letter from "Tom Merlin, Pagan Way, San Bernardino, Calif" stating that Aradia was not basis of Gardnerian Craft but "doubtless a few odds & ends have been borrowed by witches of other traditions..." I sent in reply (we all know who this "Tom Merlin" is!). He said book's faults were "due perhaps to the decadent state of Italian Witchcraft," I wrote: "If the state of Italian Witchcraft was decadent the British variety was practically nonexistent." As to those "borrowed odds & ends" in the Gardnerian Craft & Book of Shadows, my = SEX & THE SINGLE PSYCHIC (due DECEMBER '72) will show just what they are... Humor Dept: Heard rumor there's an Anti-Martello Newsletter making rounds called "Louiegram" or some such!!!! Marcello Truzzi, Professor of Sociology, New College, Sarasota, Fla. writes his book on occultism in America near completion. Will be pub. by Scribner's in 1973..... Unlike our Govt. officials & The Pentagon I feel the public has a right to know... Craft seekers should know exactly what's going on... Final decision theirs.

WITCH BLOOD: THE DIARY OF A WITCH HIGH PRIESTESS, Patricia Crowther, Intro by Dr. Martello One of Britain's best known witches. Initiated by G.B. Gardner Left in his will. Interesting note: She does NOT refer to herself as a Gardnerian tho she has more right to do so than most.. esp. in the U. S. A highly personal book. We are the Personal Representatives of Ms. Crowther in the U.S. with Power of Attorney. After reading the book I found publisher. Due DECEMBER '72

COUNCIL OF THEMIS expelled PSYCHEDELIC VENUS CHURCH & CHURCH OF APHRODITE, Hellenic Group, London for "advocation of illegal drugs, public exploitation of sexual practices, attempts to involve other members in political 'fronts,' advocating bloody sacrifice of a lamb etc." Signed by Fred Adams and Carroll Runyon, of O.T.A. My own position: I deplore practices of above expelled members, sympathise with reasons given for expulsion, BUT I deplore too the authoritarian way in which it was done, since nothing in membership rules mentions the right to expel anyone. Tim Zell issued a Bulletin of letters opposing expulsion by COT members. COT issued its own reproducing Zell's letters, reiterating their position, saying those who disagree can form alliances of their own provided they not call them THEMIS. Many witches object to Carroll Runyon saying he gave an anti-Craft Mensa sponsored lecture last Oct. '71. Zell says as Ceremonial Magicians he and O.T.A. don't qualify as Pagans. COT reproduced a Zell letter in full in which he was angry that Holzer gave him so little space & held Fred Adams responsible. One can expect new alliances from all this.

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*** SHARING THE MAIL***

Dear Leo:

Thank you for the very fair review of my book THE NEW PAGANS. It's the May selection of Universe Book Club and will be published in England.

Re the attack upon the book and me personally in a mimeographed "publication" called GREEN EGG: All quotes in this diatribe of what I said about this or that organisation are pure invention: I never said anything of the sort, have already warned those - like M. N. - who "quoted" me, not to do such things again, I have only the highest regards for the Council of Themis; the "rumors" quoted at end of attack about my alledged misfortunes are probably wishful thinking on the part of persons on writing this piece, And criticisms regarding technical details make me wonder how well reviewer understands our language.

I haven't the foggiest notion why this person would want to attack me except for one hint: he complained that he hadn't received a free copy of THE NEW PAGANS for review. Unfortunately for him, he is not considered a legitimate reviewer by my publishers, and I can't be bothered by every self-styled reviewer who'd like a free copy of one of my books.

I deplore any and all bickering amongst pagans, but am equally convinced that those who attack decent people only hand themselves in the webs of their own making. So mote it be.

HANS HOLZER, 140 Riverside Dr.; New York 10024

Dear Dr. Martello:

Enclosed \$5.20 for your HOW TO PREVENT PSYCHIC BLACKMAIL. I first read of it in your HIDDEN WORLD OF HYPNOTISM. I liked what you had to say in your attitude towards life, I think it was bluntly realistic and exciting.

I noticed you were referred to in one of the current hardcover books on the occult, Nothing derogatory, I assure you.

TONY AMARAL, 1321 Grove St; Berkeley, Cal.. 94709

Dear Dr. Martello:

All quiet on the "Western Front." Sent 6 copies of your HOW TO PREVENT PSYCHIC BLACKMAIL and 12 copies of ARADIA.

Eleanor Person, HOUSE OF HERMETIC, 8906 Melrose Ave; Los Angeles, Calif.. 90069

Dear Leo:

I don't know why E. made all those remarks and lied about you so much. Seemed she was trying to run my friendship with you down in the ground, and blowing up her mother's friendship with you. In her first phone conversation she said her mother knew you for a long time. She became uneasy and her voice agitated when I caught her on something. She tried to change subject. She said you had been in Arizona in April, gave her mother a birthday gift, a pelt. You might as well hear the rest of the dirty lies she said about you too: Her mother calls you Louis instead pf Leo, that you wrote something for her mother and signed it "The War lock" and that you sent E. a spell for finding out her totem. I will find out if they're connected with the (omitted) group. Doubt if they'd admit it though.

KATHY NELSON, P.O.Box 20, Blue Summit Ridge, Pa./117214

(NOTE: Name of E's "mother" given unknown to me, was never in Arizona, never do spells for anyone, etc. All blatant lies. If any of you ever get such letters claiming such things send them to me for verification and possible action. This is part of a deceptive campaign to try to undermine me and my work. Dossiers being kept. Don't be guilty of the "crime of silence."
DR. MARTELLO)

Dear Leo:

You gave Tim Zell & GE lots of publicity, even mentioning price & address and you got a one paragraph review of your BLACK MA GIC book. Holzer just listed their address and he got FOUR PAGES! There seems to be a moral here somewhere: Could it be that if you gave him less you would have gotten MORE?

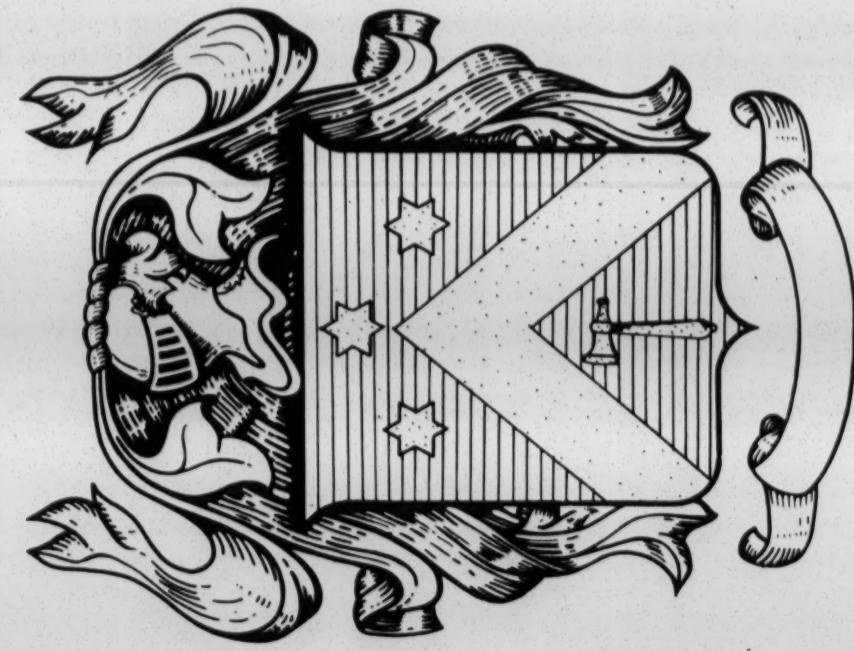
DON'T USE MY NAME!

Dear Don Leo:

Yes, I. R. knows S. Just moved to Phillipines. Think S. loaned B. money to republish his bk. Vandenberg AFB. P.O. Boxes in San Bernardino & Redlands, Cal. SGT.X..

Coat of Arms

Histriograph



The Martello Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Martello Coat of Arms design can be found in Rietstap's *Armorial General*. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"D'azur au chev., acc. en chef de trois étoiles mal-

ordonnées et en p. d'un marteau, le tout d'or."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Blue with a gold chevron, accompanied on either third by 3

gold stars 1 over 2, and at bottom by a gold hammer."

Family mottoes are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was not recorded with the Martello Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Martello appears to be characteristic in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Italians, meaning, "one who was skilled in using a hammer, a carpenter." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Martello are Martelli, Martellos and Martellis.

Census records available disclose the fact there are approximately 400 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Martello name. The United States Census Bureau estimates there are approximately 3.2 persons per household in America today which yields an approximate total of 1280 people in the United States carrying the Martello name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Martello name have made to history.

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